

## New study about 'skunk'-induced psychosis - Rethink Mental Illness response

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A new study by the Institute of Psychiatry suggests that 24% of new cases of psychosis are resulting from use of high potency 'skunk-like' cannabis.

In response, Mark Winstanley, CEO of Rethink Mental Illness said:

"People often think of cannabis as a safe or harmless drug, but this study clearly shows that smoking 'skunk' greatly increases your chances of developing serious mental health problems.

"Reclassifying cannabis isn't the answer. What we really need to see is more education about the risks of using the drug, especially for younger people, who are particularly vulnerable. Essentially, smoking cannabis is like playing a very real game of Russian roulette with your mental health."

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